

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 2/12/18 7 PM 85 N. MARKET ST

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hall, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Todd, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the Regular and S/P/R/C Committee meetings were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker. In reference to the January Department report and the 2017 Annual Report, specifically water, Mr. Cohen noted the drastic reduction in unaccounted for water. He feels that is in part due to the replacement of the water meters and that we may see a further reduction with the improvements to the treatment plant. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the department reports for January seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no Agenda Items or Clerks Report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch read the 2017 Annual Report, she was very proud of all that was accomplished by all of our employees. She then presented Officer Kenny Faust with a Certificate of Appreciation after retiring from 19 years of combined service with Street, Water and Police Departments.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated Council received copies of the 2017 Annual Report. He said the Street and Water Departments have been working hard keeping the streets clean during the snow. He said the water department has been working on a leak across from the Municipal Building. WW Superintendent John Jurjavic said it only affected one building with water getting into their basement; they dug up where they thought it was but were unable to locate it so they have a company coming in this week to help locate the leak. Monteleone said the Street Department is doing some upgrades at the Community Center (bathroom & kitchen), and the Water Department employee Brennan Harvey is working on the stone work around the windows in the bathhouse and the changing stalls are being replaced.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers said he is working on legislation for snow emergencies/parking bans hopefully for the next meeting. He also requested an executive session tonight to discuss pending litigation.

STREET: Mr. Walker thanked the Street crew for their work with the snow removal saying they did a fantastic job. He then asked about the street failure by the railroad tracks. Monteleone said there had

been a water leak in that area and caused erosion under the road causing the failure and we won't know to what extent the damage is until the spring thaw. He said they are continuing to monitor the area and we may have to do more band aid repairs before the weather breaks.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated there has been discussion in reference to the ticket prices at the Park Pool and there may legislation at the next meeting in reference to increasing some of the prices. Atty. Powers said he thought we passed legislation to allow the Manager to set the prices, Monteleone stated what was passed allowed to change the rates only after July 1 and not an overall change. Mr. Cohen said it takes a new ordinance every time a change in price is needed (per the Charter) and we need to find a way to remedy that. Mr. Cohen it's been at least a few years since there have been any increases in ticket price. Mr. Walker said he feels an increased is justified and that we cannot maintain the pool at 2015 prices in 2018.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILTIY: Mr. Todd had no report, WW Superintendent John Jurjavic stated he is working with the engineers on the water project and hopefully the 90% submittal will be in soon.

FINANCE: NO REPOT

VISITORS: Chief Jim Brown, Chief Josh Brown, John Martin, Steve & Charlsi Lehman, John Jurjavic, John & Dot Herbert, Ken & Jan Faust, John Davis, Terri Ward.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: : Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 1-2018 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bid for the construction/paving of all or parts of: Oak St, Short St., Young St., Stacy Ave, Western Ave, Frank St., Valley St., Alley Behind the School, Jackson St., Orchard Alley, Anna St., E. High St., & Leslie Run, together known as the 2018 street resurfacing project and to further award and enter into a contact with the lowest and best bidder as relates to the contract pursuant to specifications and bidding requirements as determined by the Municipal Manager and in compliance with law.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 1-2018. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 2-2018 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance setting the salary for the position of part time police detective for the Municipality of East Palestine Ohio.** At this point Mr. Cohen called for an executive session to discuss pending litigation per ORC 121.22 Section G 3, inviting in the Village Manager, Finance Director and Law Director, with no further business to follow. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yokley. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: At approximately 7:50 pm Council returned to regular session with Mr. Walker making a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Simpson. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH